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Please amend the subject application as follows:

## In the Specification:

On page 54, line 27-28: change "the N<sup>4</sup> group of adenosine" to - the N<sup>6</sup> group of adenine--.

On page 55, line 7 and page 64, lines 16-17: change "Dicyclohexylcarbodimide" to - Dicyclohexylcarbodiimide--.

On page 55, line 12: after "pressure" change "the" to -. The-.

On page 55, line 13: change "reccovered" to -recovered-.

On page 57, line 3 and page 81, line 20: change "carbodimide" to -carbodiimide-.

On page 59, line 19: after "0.1 mM" delete ")".

On page 65, line 24: change "(1-H), 1,2,4-triazoic?" to -1-H-1, 2, 4-triazole-.

On page 69, line 4: after "and phage" insert -lamba-.

On page 85: change "Lutecium" to - Lutetium-.

## In the claims

Please add the following new claims:

- 263. (New) A composition comprising a polymeric compound attached directly or indirectly to at least one nucleotide having the formula:

PM - SM - BASI